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JUNE 1974 AND IN CONFIRMATION OF THE COOPERATIVE FRIENDLY AND WARM RELATIONSHIP WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, MUHAMMED ANWAR EL-SADAT, VISITED THE UNITED STATES OCTOBER 26 THROUGH NOVEMBER 5. PRESIDENT SADAT WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THIS, THE FIRST STATE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES BY AN EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT, BY MRS. SADAT, MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY, AND OFFICIALS OF THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING: (TO BE INSERTED AT LATER DATE).

OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES PARTICIPATING WITH PRESI-DENT FORD IN THE TALKS INCLUDED SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER, AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES TO EGYPT HERMANN EILTS, AND UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE JOSEPH J. SISCO.

- 2. DURING THE COURSE OF THE VISIT, WHICH OPENED IN WASH-INGTON, D.C., PRESIDENT SADAT AND HIS OFFICIAL PARTY VISITED A NUMBER OF AMERICAN CITIES INCLUDING NEW YORK, CHICAGO, AND HOUSTON WHERE THE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS FROM EGYPT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS AND WITH AMERICAN LEADERS AND KEY REPRESENTATIVES FROM A WIDE SPECTRUM OF ENDEAVORS INCLUDING ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL, AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA ACTIVITIES. THE TOUR OF THE VARIOUS CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES ENABLED PRESIDENT SADAT TO EXPERIENCE THE VITALITY AND ENERGY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TO CONVEY TO THEM THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE FOR PEACE AND PROGRESS FOR ALL NATIONS.
- 3. THE TWO PRESIDENTS MET IN WASHINGTON OCTOBER 27-28 AND AGAIN NEAR JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, NOVEMBER 2-3 FOR A SERIES OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS BOTH IN PRIVATE AND WITH THEIR KEY ADVISORS. DURING THESE MEETINGS, THE TWO LEADERS REVIEWED IN DEPTH THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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U.S.-EGYPTIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS IN RECENT YEARS AND CHARTED A COURSE FOR THE FUTURE DESIGNED TO FURTHER BROADEN AND DEEPEN THE TIES OF MUTUAL BENEFIT WHICH BIND THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXPLORED IN GREAT DETAIL THE CRITICAL ISSUES SURROUNDING EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND ALSO EXCHANGED VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF DIRECT CONCERN TO BOTH NATIONS. BUILDING ON THE UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S VIEWS ACHIEVED DURING THE FIRST MEETING IN SALZBURG, AUSTRIA, LAST JUNE, THE TALKS WERE CONDUCTED IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL RESPECT, WARMTH, AND CORDIALITY IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGH PERSONAL ESTEEM AND TRUST THEY HOLD FOR EACH OTHER.

II. INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

4. IN A REVIEW OF THE WORLD SITUATION, THE TWO PRESIDENTS WERE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT THAT WORLD PEACE IS ENDANGERED BY THE ABSENCE OF AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THAT EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO ESTABLISH A DURABLE AND JUST PEACE IN THAT REGION BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 338 OF OCTOBER 22, 1973, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PRESIDENT FORD CONGRATULATED THE EGYPTIAN LEADER ON THE ATTAINMENT OF A SECOND INTERIM ACCORD IN THE SINAI WHICH CONSTITUTES ONE MORE MAJOR STEP TOWARD AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT. PRESIDENT SADAT NOTED THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE MOMENTUM BEHIND THE PURSUIT OF PEACE WILL BE SUSTAINED SO THAT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL THE STATES AND PEOPLES OF THE REGION WILL BE SATISFIED.

AGREEING ON THE NECESSITY TO MOVE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS FORWARD AND IN KEEPING WITH THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT FORD REAFFIRMED THE READINESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO SEEK FURTHER PROGRESS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SYRIANISRAELI FRONT IF THE PARTIES SO DESIRE.

PRESIDENT FORD ALSO ASSURED PRESIDENT SADAT THAT THE UNITED STATES IS FULLY AWARE THAT NO JUST AND DURABLE CONFIDENTIAL

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PEACE IS POSSIBLE IN THE AREA UNLESS AN ACCOMMODATION CAN BE REACHED THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND RIGHT TO EXISTENCE OF ALL THE STATES IN THE AREA AND THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL ITS PEOPLE INCLUDING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. PRESIDENT SADAT REVIEWED IN DEPTH THE ISSUES OF CONCERN TO ALL THE ARAB PEOPLES.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE MADE BY THE SUCCESS OF THE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH TO A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, BOTH SIDES AGREED ON THE NEED EVENTUALLY TO MERGE THIS APPROACH WITH OTHER EFFORTS FOR AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE UNITED STATES AND EGYPT ARE PREPARED TO COORDINATE AS APPROPRIATE WITH THE STATES DIRECTLY INVOLVED FOR THE EARLY RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, OR ALTERNATIVELY TO PARTICIPATE IN WHATEVER PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS OR MEETINGS OF SUCH STATES WHICH MAY BE USEFUL IN EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES AND IDEAS FOR FURTHER PROGRESS. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR INTENTION TO COOPERATE CLOSELY IN THE SEARCH FOR A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE AND WELCOMED POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS PROCESS FROM OTHER STATES ALREADY INVOLVED OR HAVING A DIRECT INTEREST IN A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.

III. BILATERAL ISSUES

PRESIDENT SADAT REVIEWED THE PROGRESS MADE IN EGYPT'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN LIGHT OF THE QUOTE OPEN DOOR UNQUOTE POLICIES INITIATED UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP IN RECENT YEARS. THE EGYPTIAN SIDE EXPRESSED EGYPT'S APPRECIATION FOR AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE DURING THE PAST YEAR. PRESIDENT SADAT MADE SPECIAL NOTE OF THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESSFUL ONGOING RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT IN THE SUEZ CANAL REGION WHICH HAS ALREADY OPENED THE WAY FOR THE RETURN OF THOUSANDS OF EGYPTIANS TO THEIR PREVIOUS HOMES. PRESIDENT FORD CONGRATULATED PRESIDENT SADAT ON THE DRAMATIC ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS ATTAINED DURING A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME AND NOTED AMERICA'S CONFIDENCE IN EGYPT'S FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

THE TWO SIDES DISCUSSED EGYPT'S 1975 BALANCE OF PAYMENTS EMERGENCY AND THE STATUS OF ASSISTANCE OFFERS FROM VARIOUS CONFIDENTIAL.

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DONORS TO MEET THIS EMERGENCY. THESE DISCUSSIONS INCLUDED A REVIEW OF U.S. PLANS FOR NEW PL-480 AND AID COMMODITY IMPORT PROGRAMS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE THE END OF 1975. IT WAS NOTED THAT THESE NEW PROGRAMS WOULD BRING THE TOTAL U.S. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUPPORT TO MORE THAN 400 MILLION DOLLARS DURING THE COURSE OF CALENDAR YEAR 1975. IN ADDITION, DURING CY 1975, THE U.S. GRANTED 40 MILLION DOLLARS FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT NEEDED IN EGYPTIAN RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS, GRANTED 2 MILLION DOLLARS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, CLEARED THE SUEZ CANAL OF SUNKEN VESSELS AND UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE, AND PROVIDED 44.3 MILLION DOLLARS TO FINANCE FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS FOR TWO 100,000 TON CAPACITY GRAIN SILOS, ONE TO BE LOCATED IN ALEXANDRIA AND THE OTHER IN CAIRO.

PRESIDENT FORD REVIEWED WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AREAS WHERE FURTHER UNITED STATES ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WOULD CONTRIBUTE MOST TO THE OVERALL EFFORT FOR STRENGTHENING THE EGYPTIAN ECONOMY. IN KEEPING WITH THE OVERALL UNITED STATES EFFORT TO ASSIST THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT IN REALIZING EGYPT'S FULL ECONOMIC POTENTIAL, PRESIDENT FORD INFORMED PRESIDENT SADAT THAT HE HAS RECOMMENDED TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES APPROVAL OF AN OVERALL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO EGYPT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR AMOUNTING TO 750 MILLION DOLLARS. THIS ASSISTANCE WILL BE DESIGNED TO HELP EGYPT MEET ITS BALANCE OF PAYMENTS NEEDS AND, IN ADDITION, WILL GO TOWARD FINANCING SUCH PROJECTS AS A 300 MEGAWATT POWER PLANT TO BE LOCATED IN ISMAILIA, A MILLION TON PER YEAR CAPACITY CEMENT PLANT, ADDITIONAL GRAIN STORAGE FACILITIES TO BE LOCATED AT PRINCIPAL CONSUMPTION CENTERS,

NEW PORT FACILITIES NEAR ALEXANDRIA, CARGO HANDLING EQUIPMENT FOR THE PORTS OF ALEXANDRIA AND PORT SAID, WATER AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS FOR THE THREE SUEZ CITIES, TRAINING IN VARIOUS FIELDS INCLUDING PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY, AND VARIOUS OTHER FORMS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS MADE THUS FAR IN ATTRACTING INVESTMENT AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY IN EGYPT AND REAFFIRMED THEIR INTENTION TO FURTHER ENCONFIDENTIAL.

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COURAGE SUCH ACTIVITY THROUGH THE JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL WHICH IS NOW ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THIS PROCESS.

THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE FOR THE INVITATION TO ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS ON NOVEMBER 5 DURING WHICH HE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW EGYPT'S MAIN POLICY DIRECTIONS AND NEEDS. PRESIDENT SADAT LOOKS FORWARD TO HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE CONGRESS AS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. AND AS AN APPROPRIATE SEQUEL TO THE NUMEROUS MEETINGS HE HAS HAD IN CAIRO OVER THE PAST YEAR WITH CONGRESSIONAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUAL SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN.

RECALLING EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH SENATORS AND CONGRESS-MEN REGARDING EGYPT'S DEFENSE NEEDS, THE EGYPTIAN LEADER EXPLAINED TO PRESIDENT FORD EGYPT'S NEED FOR DEFENSIVE MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN LIGHT OF THE CHANGED SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE EGYPTIAN DESIRE TO PURCHASE SUCH EQUIPMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES. PRESIDENT FORD ACKNOWLEDGED THE IMPORTANCE EGYPT ATTACHES TO THIS MATTER AND AGREED TO STUDY THE ISSUE IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

IV. JOINT COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

THE TWO SIDES ALSO REVIEWED THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE JOINT COMMISSION ACTIVITIES AND VOICED SATISFACTION WITH THE SUBSTANTIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS ACHIEVED THUS FAR. OF PARTICULAR NOTE WERE:

1. THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL WORKING GROUP WHOSE ACTIVITIES HAVE MADE IMPORTANT PROGRESS TOWARD ESTABLISHING MUTUALLY PROFITABLE AND CLOSER ECONOMIC TIES. BOTH SIDES ARE DETERMINED TO USE THE FACILITIES OF THE WORKING GROUP TO ACCELERATE GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF EGYPT. ATTAINMENT OF THIS GOAL HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY ASSISTED BY THE RECENT PREPARATION OF A NEW INVESTMENT GUIDE WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY THROUGH THE FIELD OFFICES OF THE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY AND SECRETARY KISSINGER SIGNED A TREATY FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION INTENDED TO REDUCE OBSTACLES TO TRADE AND INVESTMENT. THE JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL, CO-CHAIRED BY DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATION FROM BOTH SIDES, CONCLUDED ITS FIRST MEETINGS IN CAIRO OCTOBER 14 AND IS SUCCESSFULLY BRINGING TOGETHER BUSINESSMEN OF BOTH COUNTRIES. IT HAS BECOME AN ACTIVE FORCE IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN GENERAL.

- 2. IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE, THE WORKING GROUP ARRANGED VISITS TO THE U.S. BY DISTINGUISHED EGYPTIAN SCHOLARS IN SUCH FIELDS AS CURRICULUM DEVELOP-MENT, TECHNIQUES EVALUATION AND CONCEPTS OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION. RETURN VISITS TO EGYPT ARE NOW SCHEDULED BY AMERICAN SCHOLARS. WORK IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL CENTER FOR THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH ON THE CAMPUS OF CAIRO'S AIN SHAMS UNIVERSITY. THE WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY ACTIVE IN ARRANGING RESEARCH GRANTS IN THE U.S. FOR EGYPTIAN SCHOLARS AND TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES IN EGYPT FOR AMERICAN PROFESSORS IN THE FIELDS OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS, AMERICAN STUDIES. ENGINEERING, AND EDUCATION. EGYPTIAN EXPERTS VISITED THE U.S. TO STUDY RECENTLY ESTABLISHED AMERICAN CENTERS FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS WITH AN EYE TOWARD INTRODUCING THE CONCEPT INTO EGYPT. PLANS ARE BEING FINALIZED FOR AN EXTENSIVE TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES BY THE TUTANKHAMEN EXHIBITION TO COINCIDE WITH AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL CELE-BRATIONS IN 1976.
- 3. THE WORKING GROUP ON TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS DURING THE PAST YEAR, IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING AREAS FOR CONCENTRATION:
 (A) REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT; (B) WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND TREATMENT, INCLUDING DESALINATION IN RELATION TO AGRICULTURE; (C) BUILDING MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGY; (D) INFORMATION SYSTEMS MATTERS; (E) LAKE NASSER WATER PROBLEMS; AND (F) SCIENCE POLICY AND RESEARCH MANAGEMENT. PROGRESS IN THESE IMPORTANT FIELDS IS ACCELERATING AS EGYPTIAN AND AMERICAN EXPERTS BECOME MORE DEEPLY ENGAGED.

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4. THE WORKING GROUP ON MEDICAL COOPERATION COMPLETED ITS WORK ON A JOINT HEALTH AGREEMENT WHICH WAS SIGNED IN WASHINGTON ON (TO BE INSERTED) BY FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY AND SECRETARY KISSINGER. THE U.S., THROUGH THE WORKING GROUP SPONSORED AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCHISTO-

SOMIASIS; AND ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR AN AMERICAN TEAM TO VISIT EGYPT TO CONTINUE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH

EGYPT IN THE REGULATION OF THE PRODUCTION OF PHARMACEUTICALS. IN ADDITION, U.S. AND EGYPTIAN EXPERTS WILL CONDUCT A JOINT STUDY OF HEALTH MANPOWER NEEDS; AND 20 AMERICAN TEACHERS ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN WORK IN EGYPTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT HOPE AGREEMENT SIGNED IN JULY.

BOTH SIDES CONFIRMED THE CONTINUED IMPORTANCE OF THE JOINT COMMISSION AS A CHANNEL FOR MOBILIZING THE RESOURCES AND EXPERTISE OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO FULFILL MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PROGRAMS AND PLANS.

BOTH SIDES NOTED THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS FIRST VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AN EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT AND CONSIDER FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES USEFUL, PRODUCTIVE, AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. PRESIDENT SADAT EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE FOR THE WARMTH AND CORDIALITY OF HIS RECEPTION IN THE UNITED STATES AND EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO PRESIDENT FORD TO VISIT EGYPT. PRESIDENT FORD ACCEPTED THE INVITATION WITH PLEASURE AND NOTED HIS HOPE THAT SUCH A VISIT COULD BE ARRANGED AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME.

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